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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 16 – 18 and 20 – 22 remain in the application.

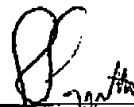
Claims 1–15 and 19 have been canceled.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 16 – 18 and 20 – 22 contain allowable matter. Claims 16, 17, 20 and 21 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of their respective former (now canceled) parent claim(s) so that they are currently presented as independent claims. Consequently, it is believed that claims 16 – 18 and 20 – 22 are now in allowable form.

No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

With the above amendments, it is believed that all of the Examiner's objections have been addressed. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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